# St. Anthony Sand Dunes

### **Egin Lakes Development**

There are 10 "A" sites which are double-sized with electrical service for \$30/night and 18 "B" sites with electrical service for \$16/night. Electrical service is \$5/night per electrical pedestal. There are also 20 "C" sites with no electrical service for \$12/night. Sharing of electrical service between units is prohibited. Only one camping unit will be permitted to operate off a single electrical pedestal at one time. Parking of motorized vehicles and ORVs under camp shelters and on concrete table pads is not allowed. Please read carefully the instructions located on each panel for hook up and safety.

There is also the option to stay at either the Desert Oasis (208-624-3275) which is 1½ miles to the East of Egin Lakes and provides access to the sand dunes, or the Sand Hills Resort (208-624-4127), which is 7 miles from Egin Lakes that also provides access to the sand dunes. The other option is camping north of Sand Hills Resort west of Red Road. The Cinder Parking lot east of Red Road is a Day Use area only. **No camping permitted.** 

## **Sensitive Species and the Resource Conflict**

ORV use of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes has grown dramatically over the past few years. Unfortunately, this use has spurred a noticeable decline in vegetation, critical to winter land, wilderness quality and sensitive species. Please ride only on the open sand and on designated routes to help ensure these remain dunes open for use. The following species are not listed as threatened or endangered but are species of special concern. Both species have state conservation assessments and strategies that are available at the BLM office in Idaho Falls. The BLM has conducted inventories to determine the populations and breeding areas for the Dunes Tiger Beetle and the Evening Primrose Flower.

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Color: Bronze Shell, Legs: 6, Size: 2" long

**Lifespan**: Less than 1 year

**Location**: On edges of dunes among the plants

### **Evening Primrose**

Color: white to Pink, Petals: 4-Heartshaped

Leaves: 10" narrow, toothed

Height: 4-5"

**Location**: Grows among the lava rocks and sagebrush. Please do not ride over or through these sensitive plants.

Bald Eagles (endangered species), Swainson's and Ferruginous hawks (sensitive species) also hunt, nest, and breed in the area.

#### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Safety is very important on the Sand Dunes, for yourself and others. Some mandatory safety rules that are in effect for the St. Anthony Sand Dunes:

- 1. All vehicles, OHVs/ ATVs, motorcycles and sand rails are required to have an 8-foot whip with a red or orange flag at the top. (Note: Fremont County Ordinance requires flags to be at least 8 feet above level ground.)
- 2. If you are jumping, please have a spotter sit at the top of the dune you will be jumping. This provides safety for the jumper as well as others riding the dunes.
- 3. Idaho law requires all riders under the age of 18 to wear helmets.

#### **Suggestions**:

- 1. Yield the right-of-way to uphill riders;
- 2. Check over dune crest before descending:
- 3. Watch for children, hikers, horse riders and sunbathers:
- 4. Use caution when going around the lake area. Children frequently visit on their small ATVs or motorcycles. They are beginners and are often not aware of their surroundings.
- 6. If this is your first time to the St. Anthony Sand Dunes, please use caution, until you know what the sands are like and how to read them.

### **Suggested Equipment:**

Helmets, gloves, face protection, boots, chest protection, heavy jersey, pants, goggles